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LESLIE FAVORED TO HOLD 1st S.D. FOR GOP.

With about a month to go before the May 14 runoff, GOP Assemblyman Tim Leslie of Sacramento is the odds on favorite to hold the 1st Senate District seat in the Republican column. This northern Calif. district, which covers 13 counties, was previously represented by John Doolittle(R), who is now in congress. Leslie's Demo opponent is Siskiyou Co. Sup. Patricia Mattingly...

...Despite the fact that Leslie is the favorite, Democrats have NOT written the election off, unlike the 35th S.D., where GOP Assemblyman John Lewis is a prohibitive favorite to defeat Demo Franics X. Frank Hoffman. CALPEEK sources say if Mattingly can raise a credible warchest, she might have a shot at an upset in this 44% GOP-44% Demo registration district. If she were to win, Demos would have 27 votes in the upper house — giving them a 2/3rds (veto-proof) majority. That's why they're NOT about to write this contest off...

...Leslie is a solid conservative, while Mattingly is attempting to portray herself as a progress/moderate. She is very much PRO-CHOICE on the abortion issue; is PRO death penalty and is PRO Auburn Dam. In the primary Mattingly came in second to Leslie with 31.4%. Leslie got 42.9%...

...Back to money. In the primary, CALPEEK sources believe that Leslie had available to him \$500,000 in direct and independent expenditures. His key GOP opponent, El Dorado Co. Sup. Bob Dorr, had nowhere near that kind of money and was simply blown away — Dorr didn't even carry his own county. Mattingly raised about \$140,000 — enough for a few mailers and a modest VBM (vote by mail) program...

...In the runoff, insiders expect Leslie

to have at least another \$350,000 — some say more. To be competitive, Mattingly would have to have at least \$250,000. Can she raise that kind of money? One NEW source of help might be the CDP's new chairman, Phil Angelides of Sacramento. If Phil delivers, this race could get exciting...

IT'S BRADLEY VS. GATES IN AN L.A. SHOWDOWN.

L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley has finally jumped off the fence and is now calling for L.A. Police Chief Daryl Gates' resignation — all as a result of the Mar. 3 videotaped beating of Rodney King by 4 L.A. officers. For Bradley, it wasn't really a jump, but more like a POLITICAL PUSH from liberals, Blacks and at least one councilman who has dreams of becoming L.A.'s first Asian-American mayor — Councilman Mike Woo...

...In calling for Gates' resignation, the mayor FLIP-FLOPPED on his previous stand, stated very clearly in a Mar. 26 interview on KCBS-TV: "If I called for Daryl Gates to resign, what would that accomplish?" Answer: political salvation and an end to nasty remarks made by Black community activists, Black politicians and Black candidates who have been peeved with Bradley's more cautious, let's wait-and-see stand...

...For his part, Gates shows no signs he is willing to resign or retire and there are indications that SUPPORT for the embattled chief are growing. The biggest PLUS for Gates was an endorsement by L.A. Co. Sup. Kenneth Hahn, who said Chief Gates should STAY. Hahn is no lightweight and is highly regarded...

...Back to Bradley. Up until this resignation flip-flop, Bradley had left the DUMP DARYL CRUSADE to Deputy Mayor Mark Fabiani.

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Fabiani first worked for Bradley during the mayor's campaigns and then became a city hall fixture during the controversy over Bradley's business deals, which started in 1989. Prior to working for Bradley, Fabiani was a clerk to Federal Judge Stephen Reinhardt, one of Bradley's closest advisors and a former L.A. Police Commissioner. Several CALPEEK sources ID Reinhardt as Fabiani's guru/mentor. And who is Reinhardt's close friend/significant other?? ACLU exec. director Ramona Ripston, a leader in the anti-Gates movement...

...A number of CALPEEK sources credit Fabiani with engineering the Stanley Sheinbaum appointment to the Police Commission - and for bouncing Clare Bronowski from the Civil Service Commission - thus stacking these 2 commissions with a majority who favor Mayor Bradley. While some think these maneuvers are brilliant, others think this may backfire - with the charge that Bradley is trying to politicize the commission system...

...Who wins in a Bradley vs. Gates battle? In the short term it would be Bradley, because he now has the votes on the two key commissions to remove Gates as the chief. But this would most likely result in a nasty legal battle, where the odds might favor Gates...

... In the meantime, you'd better believe that Gates' many allies will mount a campaign to remind everyone about all the negatives associated with Bradley -- his business deals, city hall cronism and the ongoing U.S. Dept. of Justice probe -- all this would be revisited, thus really causing major trauma for the city. It's not a pretty picture. As several CALPEEK sources have noted, politically it would have been best if Bradley had waited until the 2 blue ribbon panels probing the King affair had reported their findings. It's possible the panelists may find that Gates is not the only one who should take the blame for the King beating incident. The panels may find that Bradley, the police commission and the council - along with Gates - are all partly to blame. Stay tuned...

S.F. MAYOR'S RACE: HONGISTO FILES PAPERS.
San Francisco Co. Assessor Richard Hongisto has filed papers of intent to run for mayor this coming November. A formal announce-

ment of candidacy could come at any time. Hongisto has hired Terris & Jaye as his lead campaign consultants and T.J. Anthony as his daily manager. Michael Terris and Eric Jaye ran Hongisto's successful campaign for assessor last November. With Hongisto in the race, incumbent S.F. Mayor Art Agnos will be under siege from both the left and right. Hongisto is a liberal, while former S.F. Police chief Frank Jordan and S.F. Co. Sup. Tom Hsieh are moderates. Stay tuned...

FULL METAL JACKET: MORE BATTLES IN SACTO.
Editor's note: Here is an update on the continuing fight over gun control in the Calif. Legislature...

- While debate continues over extending amnesty to ASSAULT WEAPON owners who have yet to register their guns with the Calif. Dept. of Justice (DOJ), another battle may take place this week (Apr. 9) in the Assembly Public Safety Committee over AB 618, the handgun safety bill by Rusty Areias(D-Los Banos). The bill requires first time buyers of handguns to take a mandatory course in safety. While this might seem rather harmless, the Nat'l Rifle Assn.(NRA) has some serious problems with the bill as it is now written. NRA sources point to a similar law in Rhode Island, which they say isn't working all that well because handgun buyers are having a tough time finding qualified instructors to give the course. The NRA feels handgun safety can be accomplished via a safety handbook or brochure...

- Is Calif.'s new 15-day waiting period law working? With all the publicity given to the so-called Brady Bill in Washington D.C., CALPEEK checked with the CA DOJ to see how many applicants for long guns and handguns were rejected as a result of DOJ background checks. In 1990, DOJ rejected applications from 2,437 individuals who wanted to buy handguns. So far in 1991, the DOJ has rejected 1,279 applications, out of 31,354 rifle/shotgun and 81,090 handgun requests. Bottomline: the 15-day waiting period appears to be successful...

...Who CAN'T buy a gun in Calif.? Convicted felons, people with mental health problems and individuals who have been convicted of violent misdemeanors. DOJ sources say many of the 1,279 individuals who have

been rejected so far in 1991 fall into the last category. If an applicant is rejected, the DOJ sends a letter to the gun dealer and an FYI copy to the local police. Question: are the police following up??? Remember, it's against the law to falsify an application...

- Assemblyman Bruce Bronzan(D-Fresno) almost made a huge mistake when he introduced a bill (AB 2171), which would have exempted the Dept. of Mental Health from turning over records to the DOJ for background checks for potential gun buyers. When Bronzan was informed of his goof, he pulled the bill. Stay tuned...

46th A.D. SPECIAL: HERE'S ANOTHER UPDATE.

Mark your calendars for June 4th - that's the date of a special election to replace former Assemblyman Mike Roos(D) in this mid-L.A. City district. Filing for the special will close Apr. 22. So far it's a complete Demo field - no GOPers or P&F, AIP or Libertarians. That will undoubtedly change...

- CAMPAIGN CONSULTANTS - Joselyn Geaga Yap has hired consultant Phil Giarrizzo. Giarrizzo has in turn hired Steve Barkan to handle the daily management. Sacto consultant Larry Sheingold has been hired by CA Senate staffer Keith Umemoto, while L.A. Dep. Controller Barbara Friedman has hired Kevin Acebo as her lead consultant. Campaign consultants Michael Berman & Carl D'Agostino will be involved, but this is Acebo's campaign. For those who have forgotten, it was Acebo who pulled a major upset last year in the 59th A.D. Demo primary by managing Xavier Beccerra's successful run for the Assembly...

- WHAT WILL ROOS DO? - One of the key questions concerns Mike Roos. Will he or won't he endorse someone? About half of CALPEEK's sources think he will remain neutral, while the other half think he will unofficially back Peter Taylor, his former chief of staff. Most agree it would be difficult for Roos to formally endorse in this race, given his new position with a non-profit organization...

- ENDORSEMENTS - Roos's endorsement would be a key asset in this race, but he isn't the only one who cuts it with the

65,000 registered voters. Polling data obtained by CALPEEK shows at least 4 other well known political types have clout in the 46th A.D. They include U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman, State Senate Pres. David Roberti, L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley and L.A. Councilman Mike Woo. Waxman has already committed to Friedman, while Roberti just recently endorsed Umemoto...

- MONEY, MONEY, MONEY - Some CALPEEK sources believe that to be viable in this special, serious candidates have to come to the table with at least \$150,000 --- some place the figure at \$200,000. It is believed that only a handful of the 11 Demos who are now in the race have that kind of ability. They include John Emerson, Bob Burke, Friedman, Taylor, and probably both attorney T.S. Chung or Umemoto. It is tough to tell at this point whether Kathleen Torres, Yap, Mike Cacciotti, John Wasielewski or Adam Schiff can raise this kind of warchest. We'll know who's serious after the first campaign reports are filed. Stay tuned...

U.S. ENGLISH HITS DEMOS FOR \$15.2 MILLION.

U.S. English has amended its original lawsuit (filed in Alameda Co. Superior Court in mid-March) to include \$15.2 million in damages against the CA Demo Party and the DNC for violating its right of free speech at the CDP's Mar. 2 convention in Oakland. In addition to the CDP and DNC, the suit also names DNC Hispanic Affairs chair Carmen Perez; CDP finance director Patrick Dorinson; CDP Chicano/Latino Caucus chair Maria Basulto; Tom Gilbert, owner of Best of the West Security Guards; and 50 unnamed John and Jane Does. U.S. English claims an assault took place on the group's booth on the second day of the convention after Perez made comments about U.S. English from the CDP convention podium. The suit claims that Perez's comments caused the incident. U.S. English was invited to the convention and paid \$2,000 for the booth - which the CDP refunded after the incident...

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1992 U.S. HOUSE RACES: A CALPEEK UPDATE.

Editor's note: Just a brief update on some U.S. House races which CALPEEK will be covering in the months ahead:

- 1st C.D. - Former congressman Doug Bosco(D), who was upset last November by new U.S. Rep. Frank Riggs(R-Santa Rosa), is laying the groundwork for a rematch with Riggs. Remember: Riggs was one of a handful of Republican congressmen who voted to let the sanctions run longer rather than authorize Pres. Bush to use force to get Iraq out of Kuwait...

- 6th C.D. - Now held by Barbara Boxer, who will run for the senate in 1992. Add the following candidates: David Strand and former Marin Co. Sup. Dennis Rice, both Demos. If S.F. City Atty. Louise Renee doesn't run, some insiders think Rice might become the frontrunner. Remove CA Medical Assn. PAC director Al Pross from the list of Demos. He's not running...

- 17th C.D. - GOP strategists think new U.S. Rep. Calvin Dooley(D-Visalia) made a major mistake when he didn't vote with fellow Valley Demos Gary Condit and Richard Lehman for the use of force resolution. CALPEEK sources say GOP Assemblyman Trice Harvey of Bakersfield will challenge Dooley in 1992...

- TAKE THE MONEY AND RETIRE - The Center for Public Integrity in Washington D.C. has just published a list of 165 congressmen, elected BEFORE 1980, who may be able to keep a combined \$41 million in campaign contributions IF they don't seek reelection in 1992. 62 of the 165 have warchests of more than \$250,000. Here's CA congressmen who fall into the "high roller category." Column #1 is the amount of money each rep is eligible to take IF he retires and Column #2 is the amount of money each had as of Dec. 31, 1990.

Congressman	#1	#2
Bob Matsui	\$756,000	\$1.1 mil.
Carlos Moorhead	720,000	667,000
Vic Fazio	502,863	195,000
George Miller	480,000	438,000
Henry Waxman	465,000	469,000
Norm Mineta	369,000	343,000
Pete Stark	243,000	362,000

...The amount of money that these congress-

men are eligible to take with them if they retire is based on the amount of money they had in their individual warchests on Nov. 30, 1989. Of this group, most are expected to seek reelection, with the exception of Matsui, who is running for the U.S. Senate in 1992...

...The entire report listing all of the 435 members of the House of Representatives is available for \$10. For info call (202)223-0299. Stay tuned...

ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPS: NEW REPORT CARD.

Mirror, mirror ---- who in Calif.'s State Legislature has the best record when it comes to voting on issues concerning the ENVIRONMENT??? The CA League of Conservation Voters(CLCV) has just issued its new report card for the 1990 session. In the CA State Senate, Sens. Gary Hart(Santa Barbara), Alan Robbins(Van Nuys) & Art Torres(L.A.) scored 100%. All are Demos. Worst voting record in the Senate went to Don Rogers(Bakersfield) and former Sen. John Doolittle(Roseville), who scored 12%. Both are GOPers. Overall, Senate Demos averaged 84%, while Republicans were at 32%...

...In the CA State Assembly, there were 15 lawmakers, all Demos, who scored 100%. They include Rusty Areias, Tom Bates, John Burton, Bob Campbell, Lloyd Connelly, Delaine Eastin, Terry Friedman, Tom Hayden, Phil Isenberg, Richard Katz, Johan Klehs, Burt Margolin, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Byron Sher and John Vasconcellos. The assemblymember with the WORST record is GOP Assembly Leader Ross Johnson - zip, zero, nada, nothing - a goose egg. Next in line with 5% were Trice Harvey and Tom McClintock, while Bill Jones scored 6%. Overall, Assembly Demos averaged 94%, while the GOP lawmakers were at 24%. Stay tuned...

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